
Community, Economic, & Human Development Committee
February 2, 2006

Action Minutes

THE FOLLOWING MINUTES ARE A SUMMARY OF ACTIONS TAKEN BY THE COMMUNITY, ECONOMIC, & HUMAN DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE. AUDIO CASSETTE TAPE OF THE ACTUAL MEETING IS AVAILABLE FOR LISTENING IN SCAG'S OFFICE.

The meeting was called to order by Chair Deborah Robertson, at 9:47 a.m. There was a quorum.

Members Present

Arguello, Daniel	SGVCOG
Barnes, Christine	City of La Palma
Bowlen, Paul (Vice Chair)	City of Cerritos
Coerper, Gil	City of Huntington Beach
Daigle, Leslie	OCCOG
Dispenza, Mike	City of Palmdale
Edney, Jon A.	City of El Centro/TVAG
Fesmire, Melanie	CVAG
Green, Cathy	OCCOG
Jasper, Timothy	City of Apple Valley
Krause, Mary Ann	City of Santa Paula
Lantz, Paula	City of Pomona
Loveridge, Ronald	City of Riverside
McCallon, Larry	City of Highland
McCullough, Kathryn	OCCOG
McSweeney, Susan	City of Westlake
Nowatka, Paul	City of Torrance
Parks, Bernard	City of Los Angeles
Poe, Marilyn	City of Los Alamitos
Richardson, Laura	City of Long Beach
Robertson, Deborah (Chair)	City of Rialto
Serrano, Joseph	Gateway Cities
Ten, Mike	SGVCOG
Williams, Diane	SANBAG

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Members Not Present

Davert, Doug
Hofmeyer, Daryl
Kirby, Dan
Norby, Chris
Perry, Jan
Ramirez, Rick
Reyes, Ed
Ring, Bob
White, Charles

City of Tustin
City of Paramount
SGVCOG
Orange County
City of Los Angeles
Gateway Cities
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OCCOG
WRCOG Subregion

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1.0 CALL TO ORDER & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chair Deborah Robertson called the meeting to order at 9:47 a.m. The Chair led the members in the Pledge of Allegiance.

2.0 PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

3.0 REVIEW AND PRIORITIZE AGENDA ITEMS

None.

4.0 CONSENT CALENDAR

It was moved by Councilmember Coerper and seconded by Councilmember Arguello to approve the minutes as submitted with no objections. Item 4.2.5 was pulled for discussion.

4.1 Approval Item

4.1.1 Approve Minutes of January 5, 2005

4.2 Receive and File

4.2.1 Blueprint OWP and Grant Award Letter

4.2.2 Statement and Federal Legislative Matrix

4.2.3 Compass 2% Strategy Implementation Update

4.2.4 2007/2008 Strategy Implementation

4.2.5 Regional Housing Summit Planning Activities are Now Underway

Councilmember Mary Ann Krause asked who attended this conference were there more electeds or planners because the American Planning Association National Conference starts a day later than the Housing Summit. Joe Carreras, SCAG staff, responded that the majority of attendees are usually planning staff or staff to elected officials. Councilmember Krause was concerned that the date had been taken into account and how this would affect the conference. Mr. Carreras responded that the date had been considered.

Chair Robertson then asked if online registration been initiated for registration or would it be March. Mr. Carreras stated that registration had not been started as yet because the first order business is to organize a

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steering committee to help plan the Housing Summit program. Mr. Carreras then asked if there were any members interested in joining the steering committee to help plan the program. Councilmember Paula Lantz still had issues with the conflict of scheduling in competition with the National Planning conference. Mr. Carreras answered that the thinking was not as many people would be attending a national meeting as a local conference.

The discussion then moved to questions on what would be the duty of the steering committee members. Volunteers for the steering committee are Councilmember Paul Nowatka, Councilmember Kathryn McCullough, Councilmember Gil Coerper, Councilmember Cathy Green, and Councilmember Marilynn Poe. Councilmember asked that staff pay particular attention to invite representatives from the housing authorities and redevelopment agencies.

After the RHNA discussion the Committee came back to the consent calendar for action. It was moved by Councilmember Ten and seconded by Councilmember Coerper and approved unanimously to approve the consent calendar items 4.2.1-4.2.4.

5.0 ACTION ITEMS

5.1 Regional Housing Needs Assessment (RHNA) Request for Extension

Hasan Ikhata, Director of Planning and Policy, presented the staff recommendation to the Committee on the agency's request to ask for an extension of up to 2 years. Mr. Ikhata gave several reasons for this request. First the RHNA program is an unfunded mandate, HCD approved the fact that RHNA should be consistent with the Regional Transportation Plan forecast, and which has been pushed back one year later, and so if HCD wants to remain consistent with the RTP schedule then the deadline for the RHNA should be changed. Mr. Ikhata further stated that the most important reasons for changing the deadline is having the housing unit numbers that cities get be the number that the Growth Vision and the RTP puts out.

During the discussion on the extension Chair Robertson presented the Committee with copies of a letter sent to the President Toni Young, from the Orange County Business Council asking that SCAG not seek an additional extension to the RHNA requirements. Upon further discussion of the item the Committee proceeded to recommend approval of the staff request.

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It was moved by Councilmember Jasper and seconded by Councilmember McCullough approve the letter requesting up to a two year extension of the Regional Housing Needs Assessment (RHNA) program in order to coordinate with the 4-year RTP cycle and to allow the State legislature time to enact program changes, including identification and appropriation of State funding. The motion passed unanimously. The Chair noted the item would be on the March, 2006 Regional Council agenda for action.

6.0 INFORMATION ITEMS

None.

7.0 STAFF REPORT

Chair Robertson commended Councilmember Edney for presiding over the Economic Conference and the good job that he did and to Bruce DeVine for organizing the event. She also congratulated Mr. DeVine on his retirement and in having the second race named in his honor.

Bruce DeVine, SCAG staff, started his report with his farewells; he would be retiring on February 9. Mr. DeVine thanked the Committee and previous members for their support of the Economic Conference and for their assistance in planning this event. Preliminary financial results show 150 people attended the conference, and there appears to be a surplus of about \$20,000 which will go back to the General Fund. The cost for the conference was about \$21,000 and revenues were about \$42,500 making a net balance of about \$21,700.

Vice Chair Bowlen complimented staff on the conference.

Councilmember Edney stated that he had received a lot of positive feedback on the conference and compliments on his part in the conference (which he was not taking credit for) but he wanted to thank staff for the great job they for all the work done in preparing, and working at the event. Councilmember Edney noted that there were two cabinet secretaries from the Governor's office who presented the Blueprint check.

8.0 CHAIR'S REPORT

None.

9.0 FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Councilmember Larry McCallon would like staff to look into adding seats for the future particularly since the Committee has grown in numbers and because the participation has increased.

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Vice Chair Bowlen requested a discussion on how Committee members share SCAG information with member cities, subregions and cogs. The Committee members agreed this was needed and Chair Robertson thought it would be good to give all new members an orientation of SCAG programs such as the 2% Strategy as part of a new members orientation. Lynn Harris, SCAG staff, stated staff would make time on the next agenda to have such a discussion and she would ask Don Rhodes from Government Affairs to join.

Councilmember Edney announced the upcoming Southwest Compact hearing on April 26, 2006, 1:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m. Mr. Edney reported that he, along with Arnold San Miguel and Linda Jones of the SCAG staff, met with the Mayor of Mexicali and Mexicali has agreed to host the hearing. Mexicali is also hosting the Sister City Convention on the 27th of April, Mr. Edney thought this would be a good opportunity to give exposure to the 2% Strategy Program.

Chair Robertson announced that the Sacramento lobby day coming up in the first week March. The Chair asked for member participation because she feels this would be a good experience for each member to participate.

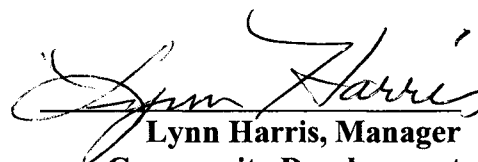
Councilmember Gil Coerper wanted to know how many cities have had open televised sessions on 2% Strategy. Lynn Harris stated she would bring this information to the next meeting.

Councilmember McCallon stated he had been approached about SCAG staff coming to the City of Loma Linda to discuss the RHNA process and they were told the SCAG staff was not yet making RHNA presentations. Lynn Harris responded that SCAG does not have a RHNA underway, nor a budget for RHNA. She stated that Secretary McPeak has assured SCAG the next RHNA will be different from the last one but the program has not yet been defined by the State.

10.0 ADJOURNMENT

It was moved by Chair Robertson and seconded by Councilmember Edney to adjourn at 10:50 a.m. motion passed unanimously. The next CEHD meeting will be held March 2, 2006 at the SCAG office.

Action Minutes Approved by:


**Lynn Harris, Manager
Community Development**